

## Whitman Amateur Radio Club Meeting 06/06/18



**Paul Moss KB1MTW**   **Larry Kenney W1VP**   **Jeff Tracy N1SOM**   **Joe Amorelli K1JMA**  
Vice President                      Secretary                      Treasurer                      President

**ATTENDANCE:** 50 members and guests were present including 4 elected officers

<b>KA1KIJ Bob Azanow</b>	<b>KA1FNS Bob Fisher Sr.</b>	<b>W1EKG Ross Hochstrasser</b>
<b>W1GTX Paul DeLory</b>	<b>KG1U Mike Bennett</b>	<b>W1MBH Scott Mitchell</b>
<b>KB1OEP Michael Supple</b>	<b>WA1RIW Rich Carnes</b>	<b>W1LJM Frank Sheputa</b>
<b>N1ANS Charles Sheputa</b>	<b>KC1EFF Randy Mills</b>	<b>SWL Leo Mills</b>
<b>N1CFB Chris Babbitt</b>	<b>N1STV Steve Cote</b>	<b>WA1TOM Tom Luckman</b>
<b>N1BSO John Laiosa</b>	<b>KB1FBA Bob Mahoney</b>	<b>WA1BEE Allen Hiltz</b>
<b>KB1WNX Steve Lyons</b>	<b>KC1JOW Adam Heckman</b>	<b>KC1EFT Al McPhee</b>
<b>WA1YKF Warren Dickie</b>	<b>AB1CQ Gary Cumiskey</b>	<b>N1ZZN Jeff Lehmann</b>
<b>W11G John Murphy</b>	<b>WA1MAD Mike Davis</b>	<b>KB1QMX Dave Beauvais</b>
<b>N1SON Jeff Tracy</b>	<b>KB1OEQ Ron Stundze</b>	<b>N1QE Jack Foley</b>
<b>KB1MTW Paul Moss</b>	<b>W1VP Larry Kenney</b>	<b>K1JMA Joe Amorelli</b>
<b>W1JT Jim Tovet</b>	<b>K1BAD Carmelo 'Melo' Serrano</b>	
<b>WD1L John Nelson</b>	<b>WK1D Jeff Ayres</b>	<b>W1OD Steve Cohn</b>
<b>KC1FZ George Davis</b>	<b>N1OYH Carl Davis</b>	<b>AG1B Richard Metcalf</b>
<b>N1IQI Loren Pimentel</b>	<b>W1JGR John Ruppel</b>	<b>KB1MOC Kevin Dykes</b>
<b>N1PXX Ron Smith</b>	<b>KC1ITF Mark Hirtle</b>	<b>W1JDG John Ginsberg</b>
<b>W1AEM Matt Kane</b>	<b>KC1EUJ Kurt Sundwall</b>	<b>KC1FZI Joe D'Antonio</b>

### Secretary's Report:

President **Joe Amorelli K1JMA** called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm 06/06/18. A quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by an attendance roll call.

Treasurer **Jeff N1SOM** read the May 2018 treasurers report. Motion to accept the report as read made by **Jeff N1ZZN** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote.

Secretary **Larry W1VP** indicated the May 2018 meeting notes were published online on the club website. Motion to accept the May 2018 meeting notes as published made by **Steve W1OD** with a second by **John WD1L**. Motion passed quorum vote.

**Health & Welfare** report by **Elayne KB1IKH**.

Elayne reports via Email she sent a *Thinking Of You* card to **Linda Robinson**, wife of **Billy Robinson K1UFO**.

**Net Control for June 2018.**

- June 10<sup>th</sup> **Richard AG1B**
- June 17<sup>th</sup> **Ross W1EKG** from CranLand Airport
- June 24<sup>th</sup> **Jeff N1SOM** 10am from Field Day operations
- July 1<sup>st</sup> **Jeff WK1D**
- July 8<sup>th</sup> **Bob KA1KIJ**

Note: the July 2018 club meeting will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month on July 11<sup>th</sup> due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday on the first Wednesday in July.

**New Members:**

**Joe K1JMA** and **Jeff N1SOM** presented 4 new member applications in good standing to the club membership for acceptance:

- **Edward McSweeny KB1CYX**
- **Rich Carnes WA1RIW**
- **Charles Sheputa N1ANS**
- **Ray Ronan SWL** (associate membership)

Motion to accept as new members made by **John WD1L** with a second by **Jeff WK1D**. Motion passed quorum vote. Welcome to the club **Edward, Rich, Charles** and **Ray!**

**Training Committee update by Ross W1EKG**

- **Ross** mentioned the recent VE session which concluded his Extra training class. Ross highlighted the members who upgraded their license class to Extra:
  - **Bob KA1KIJ, Mike KB1OEP, Frank W1LJM** and **Rich WA1RIW**
  - **Joe KC1FCI** upgraded to General at the VE exam also.
- Ross thanked **Paul W1GTX** for sharing the Extra class teaching task which took place twice per week for 8 weeks.
- Ross also thanked **Scott W1MBH** for the improved flash card website which was used throughout the training.
- **Frank W1LJM** commented that folks who attended the class meetings and participated did pass the VE exam.
- Ross plans to start a Technician class in the fall, most likely in September.

### Equipment/Assets committee update by Paul KB1MTW

- Paul indicated that he and **John WI1G** performed an inventory of equipment and supplies at the Quonset hut.
- **Joe K1JMA** mentioned purchasing proper protective cases for the club radios

### Repeater committee update by Jeff N1ZZN

- Jeff responded to a question regarding the eventual installation of our 2Meter antenna used originally at the Ridder Country Club repeater site and now in storage: the high cost to our club for a tower climber due to the location was discussed, with a suggestion **Gary AB1CQ** has climber contacts.
- Jeff also answered a question about possible use of an MMDVM (Multi-Mode Digital Voice Modem device which supports not just C4FM(Yaesu Fusion) but also D-Star, P25, NXDN and DMR digital voice modes) on our club repeater. A general discussion took place and it was decided Jeff's experience supporting an MMDVM installation and operation on the Norwell (145.250) repeater in the near future would be evaluated before deciding to implement this on our 2M repeater. Jeff commented on the importance for analog only transceivers to use their tone-squelch feature to avoid hearing the annoying digital squawking when these modes are in use.

### New Business

- During this meeting, the annual voting ballots were counted with the following results:
  - All incumbent officers retain their positions:
    - President: **Joe Amorelli K1JMA**
    - Vice-President **Paul Moss KB1MTW**
    - Treasurer **Jeff Tracy N1SOM**
    - Secretary **Larry Kenney W1VP**
  - Director position retained by **John WD1L**
  - 2018 By-Laws accepted vote (passed):
    - YES: 53
    - NO: 3
    - N/A: 4
- **Jim W1JT** spoke about Mesh Networking and asked for volunteers interested in learning more about this and possibly hosting a Mesh Network node at their QTH. A general discussion took place on the subject, with Jim noting this is not a turn-key product/solution but an experimentation/learning part of his hobby. **Jeff N1ZZN** commented on the popular Ubiquiti devices and their use with Mesh Networking, noting these are self contained 2.4 Ghz networking devices, best installed as high as possible to create the largest signal coverage area. He suggested several area radio towers where this might be possible – one of which being the Bridgewater State University water tower, the current location of the MARA 147.180Mhz repeater and damaged repeater antenna. When MARA

has their new antenna installed, it might be possible to also install a Ubiquiti device on the water tower.

- **ARRL Field Day event, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.**
  - **Paul KB1MTW** volunteered to coordinate the event this year (thanks Paul!).
  - A brief discussion took place on computer logging and the need for several newer laptops. Thanks to all who provided laptop replacement options. **Joe K1JMA** volunteered to search out some newer laptops prior to Field Day.
  - After a short discussion, a motion to increase the food budget to \$400 was made by **Jeff WK1D** with a second by **John WD1L**. Motion passed a quorum vote.
  - A station discussion resulted in the decision to have 4 operating stations (by **Jeff N1SOM**, **Chris N1CFB**, **Jim NM1F**, a Club station plus a GOTA (Get On The Air) station. Also decided on was use if the **NI1X** call sign for the 4 operating stations (4 Alpha) and the **WA1NPO** call used for the GOTA station. An antenna discussion followed with **Paul KB1MTW** making the final arrangements prior to and the morning of the Field Day event.
  
- **Marshfield Fair, August 16<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>**
  - Event planning has been started by **Bill N1FRE** with contact being made with the Fair management.
  - An overall event organizer is needed at this time. **Paul KB1MTW** volunteered to co-chair the event committee if needed. Paul mentioned the idea of a PC display based waterfall or video running which would capture the public's attention.
  - Based on conversation with **Kurt KC1EUJ**, **Ross W1EKG** suggested a training class prior to the Fair for the booth volunteers, highlighting what needs to be said and done while there.
  
  - **Allen WA1BEE** suggested club t-shirts be worn by booth volunteers. **Joe K1JMA** indicated he was looking into this.
  
- **Paul KB1MTW** highlighted a free QRP transceiver from **Jim WG1L**. Jim noted the transceiver is not currently working. See Paul or Jim after the meeting if interested.
  
- **Joe K1JMA** mentioned he's looking for a club apparel chair person. For now Joe is working with **Jack N1QE** for club t-shirts and hats. **Steve W1OD** mentioned American Reflective Screenprinting in Braintree as an option as well.
  
- **Joe K1JMA** mentioned the ongoing need to verify ARRL membership of club members. **Jeff N1ZZN** suggested the ARRL could validate our membership roster. **Larry W1VP** will investigate this.

Motion to adjourn made by **Paul W1GTX** with a second by **Steve W1OD**. Motion passed a quorum vote. **Joe K1JMA** adjourned the meeting at 8:46pm, 06/06/18

**End Secretary's Report**